"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

The retail price of food in the first half of 1973 averaged 10 percent higher than a year earlier.

Let's look at some of the reasons why and some of the implications.

We can bid freely for the world's meat supplies, and we are the world's largest beef importers, taking nearly one-third of the world's beef exports. Beef prices are higher most everywhere else, and foreign citizens are bidding against us. Meat imports have increased 38 percent in the last five years.

Average hourly wages in industry increased from $1.52 per hour in 1952 to $3.65 in 1972. If food prices had gone up at the same pace (2.4 times their 1952 level) your food bill would be much higher. Hourly wages are up 140%, while food is up 38%. In 1952 a pound of round steak averaged $1.11. If it rose at the rate of labor the price would have been $2.67. In April this year it was $1.75. In 1952 a dozen eggs averaged 67c. If they had gone up at the same rate of labor, they would have been $1.61 a dozen. In April this year they were 68c.

Despite the rise in food prices, we spend a smaller share of our income for food. In 1952 we spent, before income taxes, 20% for food compared with 13.3% in 1972. After income taxes in 1952 we spent 23% less than we did in 1952.

We are not the only ones who like beef. In May 1973 sirloin steak in Washington, D.C. sold for $1.79 a pound. Compare this for the same cut in: London $2.59, Paris $2.29, Rome $2.88, and Tokyo $12.86.

Farmers are only now recovering from years of low farm prices, though expenses have been climbing steadily. Farm prices in 1972 were up 26 percent over 1967, but were only 12 percent higher than in 1952. Farm prices have either declined or remained static in 10 of the last 20 years.

Nationally, farm real estate taxes are 3.7 times higher per acre than 20 years ago.

Farm investment in land, buildings, livestock and equipment has doubled in 20 years, rising from $167 billion in 1952 to $339 billion on January 1, 1972.

Farm debts are nearly 4.5 times larger than 20 years ago. The amount of debt owned by farmers has risen from $14.7 billion in 1952 to $66.9 billion in 1972.

Output per man hour on farms is 2.1 times higher than 20 years ago. In manufacturing industries, output per man hour is 1.7 times as great as 20 years ago.

In 1952, one farm worker supplied 16 people with food. Now he produces enough for 51 people.

In 1952 one person out of 7 was living on the farm; now one in 22 persons lives on a farm.

In terms of disposable income, the average income of farm people still lags 17 percent behind the average income of non-farm people, and nearly one-half of the income of farm people comes from off-farm sources. If farmers had to rely solely on income from farming, the average income of farm people would be only 47 percent of the average income of non-farmers.

Between 1950 and 1960, farm prices actually declined 7.8 percent, while food prices rose 18 percent and the cost of living increased 23 percent. Between 1960 and 1970, farm prices rose 17.0 percent, but food prices went up by 30.6 percent, and the cost of living increased 31 percent.

The present period that we are in is acting much like the Korean War inflationary period. Between 1950 and 1952, farm prices climbed 10.8 percent and retail food prices climbed 13.2 percent. Between 1970 and 1972, farm prices climbed 14.6 percent and retail food prices climbed 7.5 percent. The Korean War inflation cooled off in 1953 and it was 20 years before farm prices regained their 1952 level.

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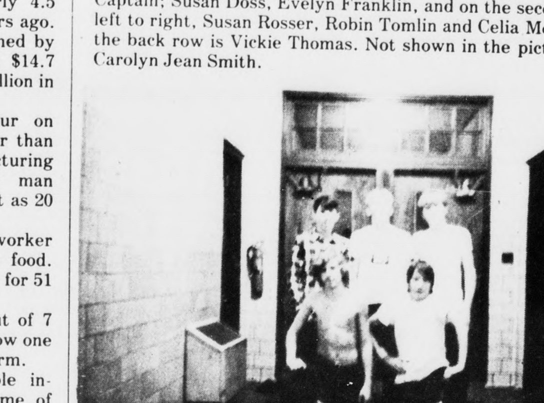
Last Week	.47
Month of Nov.	1.87
Normal for Nov.	2.92
This Month	.0
This Year	44.07
Nor. for this Year	37.55

Jr. FHA Holds Volleyball Tournament

Shown above is a picture of the winning girl's team of the Junior Chapter of Future Homemakers of America Volleyball Tournament. The tournament was held on Friday night, November 30th, at the Appomattox Intermediate School gym.

Players were, first row - left to right, Teresa Harris, Captain; Susan Doss, Evelyn Franklin, and on the second row, left to right, Susan Rosser, Robin Tomlin and Celia Mosley; on the back row is Vickie Thomas. Not shown in the picture was Carolyn Jean Smith.



Boys Participate In FHA Volleyball Tourney

Pictured above is the winning boy's team of the Future Homemakers of America Volleyball Tournament. They are, kneeling, left to right, Richard Blazer and Donald Stanley; standing, left to right, are Ronald Harvey, William Perdue and Nathan Smith.

The Junior FHA would like to thank all who came out and helped make this a success for their chapter.

OAKVILLE 4-H

The Oakville 4-H met on Monday, November 19. The meeting called to order by the assistant president Becky Davis. We turned in our tool kits and the money from the ones we sold. The ones that were turned back in we sent back. We also decided to put a float in the Christmas parade. Then after we close our meeting we saw a 50 minute film on the life of the Rabbit.

Reporter
William Ferguson

Miss White's 4-H Club

The regular meeting of Miss White's fifth grade 4-H Club at the Intermediate School was held November 15, 1973. Susan Martin, president, called the meeting to order.

Donna Blazer, led the groups in giving the pledge of Allegience. Alvin Powell led the 4-H pledge. The song leaders, Ernest McCormick, T.W. Ballore, Alvin Booker led the group in singing "The 3 part son, "Row, Row Your Boat" and we also played the 7-up game.

Thirty-one members were present and one absent.

Mr. Sweet showed us different kinds of rocks and how acid can eat through them. He gave a talk on soils which is our club project for the year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reporter
John Simmons

Elected To American Angus Assoc.

Edwin Anderson, Appomattox, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary.

There were 397 memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in the United States during the past month.

Beckham

DEC. 3 - Mrs. M. G. Martin, Sr. entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Saturday for treatment.

Mr. Eural Martin and Mr. Kermit Driskill visited Mr. H. O. Martin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman, of Springfield, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and family and Mrs. S. G. Martin for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Mary Burge and Mrs. Sadie Marino of Madison Heights Saturday.

Miss Patricia Martin, of Richmond, spent the week end with Miss Carolyn Morris.

The Trinity Church choir members met in the home of Mrs. M. W. Drinhard with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Irby for Christmas party Sunday night.

Mr. Hermon Moore, Jr., of Richmond, visited Mrs. Hermon in Lynchburg General Hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and Miss Myra Young visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Crews and Mrs. Fannie Crews Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin Saturday night, honoring Melanie on her second birthday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck and Kathy Tuck.

Church Circle Hosts Dinner For Rescue Squad

On Saturday evening, December 1st, the Joanna Maiden Circle of Liberty Baptist Church hosted a dinner for members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad and their wives/husbands.

The dinner was held in the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building and this was the third consecutive year that this church group has honored the Rescue Squad in this way.

Preparing the delicious food and serving it on Saturday evening were, left to right above, Mary Frances Bryant, Barbara Puryear, Gloria Dalton, Nancy Hall, Rosa Campbell, June Chenault, Faye Bugg, Frances Wilson, Peggy Harvey and Nannie Mae Smith.

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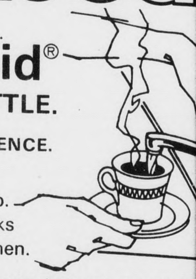

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...those leftovers by ...several casseroles at ...save on cooking fuel and ...tion time. Freeze the ...es for future meals.

...re preparing an oven ...y cooking frozen vegetables at the same time in a ...covered casserole dish. ...n extra tablespoon of ...and water and ¼ ...n salt for each 10-ounce ...e.

...e are many ways of ...fuel in your kitchen. ...n't you try some? . . . FOOD REVIEW: Now ...e turkey leftovers are ...away let's check the ...ys in the beef category. ...s are again offered on ...steak, porterhouse steak ...ious beef chuck cuts.

...ral good buys are ...ed on pork loins, chops ...sage while bacon is at a ...e per lb.

...e is also a super buy in ...ltry line - whole fryers ...per lb. That is quite a ...! Turkeys, all size and ...re still on sale. Now may ...ood time to prepare for ...ember holiday season ...lso offered are: duck- ...geese and capon.

...n, salad fixins plus ...potatoes offer the best ...the vegetable line. The ...fruit bowl is full of good ...n bananas, apples, pears ...ranges. . . **TIPS FOR ...DENERS:** Start some ...white narcissus bulbs ...s for cheerful midwinter ...

...may prune holly and ...evergreens lightly this ...to secure foliage stems ...e in arrangements in the ...Delightful arrangements ...be made with a few ...s and some evergreen ...es.

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ROCKS

Dec. 2, Christmas is just around the corner.

Friends are sorry to hear Cecil Holt of Brookneal continues ill in Lynchburg General Hospital.

A number of the farmers will sell tobacco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin will leave today (Monday for West Jefferson, N. C. to sell Burley tobacco on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Ranson left last Monday for Kingsport, Tenn. to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. Louise Burks who is at home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson of Brookneal were visiting Mrs. Lewis Dickerson Friday. A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Clara Dudley, aunt of Mrs. W. H. Elder, who entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday.

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Doris Burrell sister of Glenn McIntosh who had an operation at Virginia Baptist Hospital last week.

Mrs. Richard Gilliland and children of North Carolina spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson. Richard is still in the hospital there.

Susan Hamlin was sick with a virus Thursday and Friday.

A large crowd attended the J. Mott Harvey funeral at Evergreen Baptist Church Thursday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended the family and his sister, Mrs. Coot Baker.

Emmett Paulette went to the hospital in Lynchburg last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Kate Dinkins spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore enroute to Roanoke. Ed Ranson went to Kingsport, Tenn. Saturday to get his wife.

A number attended the Rosser and Fulcher wedding at Elon Baptist Church Sunday p.m.

The Rocks Gospel Singers went to Mattox Presbyterian Church in Amelia Sunday night. A speedy recovery is wished Miss Mag Branch who is not so well.

James Martin sprained his ankle Sunday afternoon.

Sherwill 4-H Club

The November monthly meeting of Sherwill 4-H Club was held November 26th at the home of a leader, Mrs. Jim MacKenzie.

Anne Cardwell and Mrs. George Evans gave devotions. Mrs. Evans read, "Thank You Too Grandpa" by Helen Carter from Guideposts.

Two county-wide projects: Drugs and International Friends were discussed and the club voted not to have a club project this year. Our aim will be to give more time to project demonstrations and illustrated talks.

We have a few members who are interested in the Teen Caravan. The ages for this are 17-20 years.

Our club won a good share of awards at the Achievement Program, Nov. 15. Eight members won 17 awards. They were: Debbie Caloham, Anne Cardwell, John Cardwell, Anne Evans, James Hancock, III, Leslie King and Yolanda Pash. The book "I Dare You" by William H. Danforth was awarded to James Hancock III for outstanding leadership and Sylvia Carson's Achievement Record on Health was the one from Virginia to be entered in Sectional competition in our nation for a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago this year, Nov. 23-30.

The project record books of last year were returned to the members. Each carried a seal according to its quality "Blue, Red or White".

The new Achievement Records are to be in the 4-H office early in February.

This year our club will not meet in December but will reach out to do something for someone - "Through a good deed, let your light shine."

Family Night will be January 28 in the community center.

The program for the evening was a demonstration by Laura Moody " How to Set a Table" and an illustrated talk "Spring Fever" (Light Horse and Pony Project" by Anne Evans. This was the state winner at 4-H Congress last summer.

Leslie King, Reporter

Home For The Holidays

Mr. Flood Wade, shown above, who has been a patient in McGuire Veterans Hospital since June 15th, was brought to the home of his son, Ernest Wade of Evergreen, to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

The elderly Mr. Wade, 78, returned to the hospital at the end of a 48-hour leave but he enjoyed the time with his family and friends.

Olof Heldlund of Sweden holds the record for not putting his foot down. He stood on one foot for 5½ hours.

Fuel Crisis Won't Halt Driver's Ed

RICHMOND- The national energy shortage will not affect driver education programs in Virginia's high schools until the last drop of gasoline is gone, the head of the program said Friday.

William Johnson, supervisor of driver education for the State Department of Education, said even if gasoline is rationed, schools will have priority for fuel.

"We certainly don't foresee at this time curtailment of the program," he said.

Johnson said state law requires driver education for anyone to get a driver's license before age 18. Last year, some 66,000 high school students took driver education, he said, and this year more than 70,000 are expected to take the courses.

Driver education must be offered by all virginia school systems under State Department of Education regulations.

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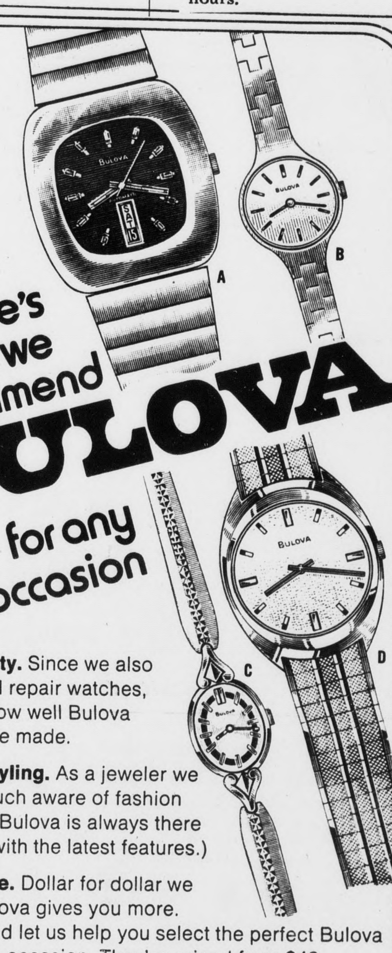

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Hollywood

Miss Carol Ann Jennings was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Grey Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McFadden visited Mrs. Grover Beasley Sr. recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Susan Irby visited Mrs. T. C. Harvey Saturday morning.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. W. T. McFall of Lynchburg. She was the mother-in-law of Mrs. Catherine Franklin McFall. We extend our sympathy to each of her love ones.

Miss Odell Webb spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turns and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville were supper guest Sunday of Mrs. W. T. Covington. They visited other relatives in the afternoon.

We are sorry Mrs. Monroe Webb isn't feeling too well. We pray she may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and daughter Delorious Ann of Richmond spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wingfield and family.

Mrs. Jams Maxwell, Mrs. Earlene Smith, Lonnie Rogers and Mrs. Mary Bagby visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and Mr. Walker Webb Friday afternoon.

We are very sorry to hear our V.D.C. President of the Appomattox Chapter of V.D.C. Mrs. A. J. Jastrow is ill in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Each of us prays she has a speedy recovery.

Mr. Richard Jenkins of Baltimore visited his mother Mrs. Addie Jenkins and sister Mrs. Ber Abbitt at the Liberty House Nursing Home, and Mr and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins at Vera during the week end.

Mrs. Claude Hamlett and daughter Brenda spent Friday night and Saturday with her mother Mrs. Grover Beasley Sr. Mr. R. G. Austin and Tom visited in this home Saturday. Grover Beasley Jr. and son Lye visited Mrs. Beasley Sunday.

Mrs. James Bondurant of Marrietta, Ohio is spending this week with her father Frank O. Covington of Lynchburg and visiting her mother Mrs. Jessie Covington in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Mrs. Covington has been a patient there for two month. We pray she may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and Miss Julia Wingfield visited their aunt Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday night.

Mrs. R. M. Webb and Miss Bertie Webb attended a Mission Study Class at Liberty Church Monday night. The book "Passport to People" was taught by Mrs. Helene Harvey. Harvey.

The week of prayer program for Foreign Missions will be observed Wednesday afternoon at Hollywood beginning at 1:oo.

Stonewall

"I and my Father are one. John 10:30

Mrs. Dennis Moore is improving at Lynchburg General Hospital also Mr. Jim Herndon.

Mr. Osborne Davidson is not doing so good.

Mrs. Sara Holder and son came from Texas by plane to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alvis and Bridget, from Lynchburg, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz had as their dinner guest Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson, Carol and Danny, Mr. Monroe Dyess, Robert and Mary and Mrs. Elsie Krantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barbour, of Lynchburg, visited her sister Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Elsie Krantz, also Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy, Richard and Irby visited The Wheelers Sunday afternoon.

All of the ladies really had a fine time at Mrs. Carol Mince Saturday night when she was hostess to a lovely shower for Miss Kay Thomas. She received so many useful gifts, even got a bag full of groceries to start out house keeping.

Mrs. Jim Herndon has visited her husband in hospital every day for a month. Do hope he will soon be able to come home.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Watts Moore, grandmother, Mrs. Wooten.

Mrs. Cleveland Caldwell has had a slight stroke. Pray she will soon be much better.

Little Will Harris is spending this week with her grandmother, Nina and Elsie Caldwell.

Kills His First Deer

Dennis Martin, on the left, is shown above with the 160 pound buck he killed Friday afternoon, November 30th. With Dennis is William Martin, right above, who was hunting with him when he got his first deer he had ever killed.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

BY Stella Osborne

What Christmas means to me is this: Jesus' birth. To some people, (or kids) Christmas is Santa Claus, toys, stockings, and everything, all but the real meaning, Jesus' birth.

Then, of course, there are Christmas carols, like "Silent Night," "Oh, Little Town of Bethleham", etc: I like to hear carolers sing (if they sing good).

Now, you can go to the Holy Land, and see the exact place that Jesus was born, where he lived, died, and grew up. Where Jesus was born, there is only a small place about 3 feet high.

Christmas is a holy holdiay and most people get off from work. Sometimes people go away to celebrate Christmas. I like to celebrate Christmas at my grandmother's house. We do every year. I love Christmas.

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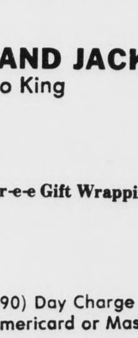

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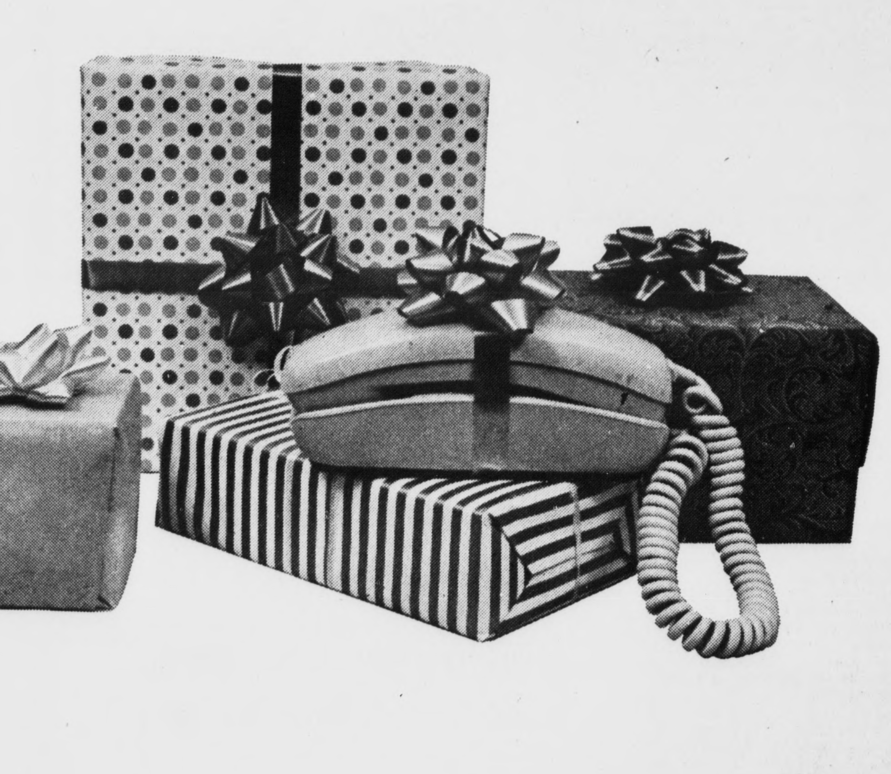
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